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SUBJ: TRADE MINISTER ON EUROPEAN TOUR

REF: VALLETTA 1645 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER TRADE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM PAUL XUEREB TO DEPART MALTA AUGUST 14 ACCOMPANIED BY TOURIST BOARD SECRETARY JAMES RIZZO AND MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY CHARLES BURLO' FOR TOUR OF DENMARK, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SOVIET UNION, ROMANIA AND ITALY.

2. MALTESE DELEGATION TO HAVE TALKS WITH TOUR OPERATORS IN DENMARK, FINLAND, AND SWEDEN. XUEREB ALSO EXPECTS VISIT TWO FACTORIES IN SWEDEN WHICH HAVE SHOWN INTEREST ESTABLISH FACILITIES IN MALTA.

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3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SUEREB TO STOP IN MOSCOW

FOR "TALKS ON COMMODITIES WHICH MALTA IMPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION." MINISTER SAID AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE GOM WISHES APPROACH SOVIET TRADE ORGANIZATION REGARDING SUPPLY CEMENT. MALTA IMPORTED LAST YEAR 232,280 MALTA POUNDS (APPROXIMATELY 674,000 DOLLARS) WORTH OF CEMENT FROM SOVIET UNION.

4. XUEREB ALSO TO HOLD COMMERCIAL TALKS IN ROMANIA, AS WELL AS VISIT NUMBER OF TOURIST RESORTS IN BLACK SEA AREA.

5. ON WAY BACK ZUEREB WILL STOP IN ROME FOR TALKS ON JOINT MALTA-ITALY TOURIST PROJECT.

6. COMMENT: NUMBER OF QUERIES REGARDING POSSIBILITY IMPORT CEMENT FROM U.S. INDICATE NOW FAIRLY WELL ESTABLISHED SOVIET SOURCES FOR THIS COMMODITY MAY BE BECOMING COMPETITIVE. IN RECENT TALK WITH AMBASSADOR ON EDIBLE OIL SITUATION, XUEREB INDICATED ONE OF HIS OBJECTIVES DURING VISIT TO BUCHAREST WILL BE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY PURCHASE SOYBEAN OIL FROM ROMANIA.

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